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## DENVER AREA COUNCIL

### Jewish Committee on Scouting

Agenda 01/19/17

Attendees: Greg Ostravich, Mike Shapiro, Shawn Connelly

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance

Dvar Torah – Mike

Chapter 6 verse 26: Aaron & Moshe – Some mention Moshe first, some Aaron first. Both are equally great. How is that possible because Moshe was the greatest prophet. That's because they both completed their missions; it's just that Moshe had more missions.

People disheartened when they can't complete their missions; obligation to serve – maximize your potential and you're just as great as everyone else.

Review October meeting minutes.

Accepted as posted.

Old Business

New unit / recruitment initiatives

Recruitment flyers - Hillel Academy, Jewish Experience, Synagogues?

Forgot to get an update from Hyiam – will get it next time.

No news at this time.

Existing units – health/prognosis

Tabled for next time.

STEM

Any Interest/progress @ DAT? - Shawn/ Hyiam – Tabled for next time.

Eagle Scout candidates –progress / status updates? No update.

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### Publicity:

JCOS Banner – Status update –Shawn

In process. Budget for the new year in play; Shawn's meeting for the annual planning meeting and will ask at Denver Council.

Flyers – Still awaiting programming

### Programs –

Scout trip to Israel -2018 - Update Shawn

Israeli scouts only plan about 6 months out; may make this tight for 2018.

May have to buy airline tickets in advance.

They have the dates for this year; but not for 2018 yet; waiting to hear back.

Dates should be similar.

Do we want to do an Independent trip in the Winter instead?

We'll see if we can get a big enough group to swing this.

Next Kinus – Oct 8, 2017 – Discussion?

Coordination w/ Ekar farms?

Greg e-mailed them; never heard back; will try again.

Ask Hyiam if they're still here.

### Jambo 2017

Update on Pre-tour

Shawn begging off Jambo this year because the family is going to Japan to see his daughter.

### Religious awards

Ner Tamid – Aaron Levin – was recognized @ DTG breakfast in November

We need to identify another recipient for next year. Aaron – Etz Chaim?

Etz Chaim - Aaron Levin T645, (Laverne Poturalski Unit Chaplain)

Greg has agreed to be his counselor

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Greg spoke with Laverne today (1/26) and agreed to have Aaron e-mail him the content but he needs to cc: Laverne on all e-mails for YPT requirements.

### New Business

Scout patches from National – Shawn

**They are in – Greg got his; Mike will get his when he gets back.**

**Shawn will order more for Kinnus as a giveaway.**

Shawn was informed by John Cabeza that the JCOS Chairmanship is supposed to be a 3 year term. Do we want to switch? OK with Mike.

We also don't have a Commissioner; Mike can be the Commissioner. We need a to form a search committee to find a new Chairman. Several possible "outside" candidates were discussed.

Is Hyiam interested? Greg might do it if Hyiam is not interested but needs to see if that'll work with his availability.

We'll have an update about the search at the next JCOS meeting.

Next Meeting? - Feb 23rd / 6:00 pm / DAT

Closing (Scoutmasters Minute) – Mike

Plagues coming down on Egypt; Pharoah would say the Jews could go; then he'd change his mind again. "Pharoah saw there was relief and he did not heed them. How often have we gotten nauseous after too much food and drink. Exhausted and committed to an early bed time. After a few days passed it's easy to fall back to the negative behavior. It's easy to lose our clarity. Someone has a heart attack; commits to healthy habits that fall back to the negative habits. If you're in pain it's easy to have clarity about the behavior. It takes effort and goes against human nature to not drift back. Stop and spend a moment to mentally recall the pain that began the change in habits. This will make it real to you again. Don't push it away; use that negative consequence to keep yourself focused. The more you do this; the stronger your willpower will become.

TO DO Items:

Greg will see about potential JCOS Chairman and his availability, and follow-up with Ekar farms.

Confirm with Hyiam that 2/23 works for the meeting at 6 PM at DAT.

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